

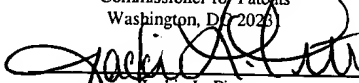


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Please cancel claims 2427-2429, 2450-2456, and 2459 without prejudice.

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### A. Pending Claims

Claims 2424-2426, 2430-2449, 2457-2458, and 2460-2461 are currently pending. Claims 2427-2429, 2450-2456, and 2459 have been cancelled without prejudice.